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**CONGRESSMAN THOMPSON
ANNOUNCES SUMMER INTERN:
DURANT NATIVE TO WORK IN WASHINGTON**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, United States Representative Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) announced that Jamie G. Sturgis has been chosen to serve as an intern in his Washington D.C. office this summer.

Congressman Thompson stated, "Jamie is well on her way to making Durant proud. Her service in the nation's capitol will be rewarding to Jamie and her community in Holmes County. Our goal is to give her an 'up close and personal' view of the how laws are made at the federal level. I am pleased to have her on-board."

Sturgis, 19, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O. Sturgis from Durant, Mississippi. She is a sophomore at Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia where she majors in broadcast journalism with a minor in leadership studies. Sturgis is currently a Senator in the Student Government Association, member of the political action committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and is a leadership fellow of the Leadership Institute at Hampton University. After completing her undergraduate degree, she plans to attend graduate school and pursue a master's in public policy/public administration.

"This opportunity is an invaluable experience," Sturgis said. "Working for Congressman Thompson will strengthen my leadership skills and help me to realize the importance of politics and how it has an effect on the global community. I hope to share what I learn with others someday."

Sturgis said that she chose this internship because she believed that it would help her to become more knowledgeable about America's political process and the inner workings of the federal government. She said that she hopes to one day come back to Mississippi and become a change agent.